



*Louis Mel*

ESTATE GROWN  
SAUVIGNON BLANC  
LIVERMORE VALLEY · SAN FRANCISCO BAY  
2017

*“Our Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc is harvested when the sugars and acidity in the grapes are perfectly balanced and optimal for our finished wine. The grapes are picked cold before sunrise and brought to the winery where they are gently pressed, cold settled, and then cold fermented. All of these steps ensure that we are extracting and maintaining only the best of flavors from our estate grown Sauvignon Blanc grapes.”*

*- Karl D. Wente, Fifth Generation Winemaker*

#### V I N E Y A R D

Since 1883, five generations of our family have hand-crafted fine wines that express the very best of our vineyards and winemaking expertise. Our Estate Grown Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc is named after a French emigrant, Louis Mel, who traveled to the western United States in the 1870’s seeking a place to make wines to rival the great French Crus. He found the ideal home in the Livermore Valley. Acquiring Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon cuttings from the Marquis de Lur-Saluces, owner of the famed Chateau Y’quem, he planted them in his vineyards. The Wente family acquired the Louis Mel estate in the 1930’s, where the descendants of these vines, located in the southern Livermore Valley, live in gravel and loam soils that are similar to the terroir of their native Bordeaux.

#### W I N E M A K I N G

**FERMENTATION** The grapes were cold fermented in stainless steel tanks to retain their natural vibrancy and fresh fruit character.

**AGING** Aged in stainless steel tanks.

#### T A S T I N G N O T E S

Our 2017 Louis Mel Sauvignon Blanc has crisp aromatics from lemon zest, grapefruit and boxwood. This wine has a rounded mouthfeel and a bright, lingering acidity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION  
98% Sauvignon Blanc, 1% Semillon,  
1% Gewürztraminer

ALCOHOL 13.0%  
pH 3.27  
TA 0.63/100ml

HARVEST DATE(S) 9/16 – 9/22  
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